

We are operating on a bare bones budget, being a non-commercial independent educational station supported only by listener donations. We do not have the equipment which would be required to record our programming as proposed by the Commission. Purchasing equipment to do this would put even greater strain on our already stressed budget.

It is illogical and unrealistic to place extra regulatory burdens on small broadcasters, especially non-profit broadcasters for highly unlikely future speculation. History will show that there are only a few rare instances of such abuse; why should all broadcasters have to pay for the sins of a handful?

Perhaps a better path to follow would be only to require stations which have had a documented pattern of abuse to be required to record their programming -- and then, only for a certain reasonable period of time.

Finally, the extremely harsh fines contemplated for single words definitely smacks of harsh and overly punitive punishment for potentially innocent slips of the tongue. The Commission should be asked if they have ever accidentally used language that they consider improper for accidental broadcast. An otherwise clean record should not be destroyed for an innocent human error -- is the Commission truly able to cast the first stone? Should regulations also require a Commissioner or employee of the FCC be dismissed if they do not hold themselves to the same standards that they hold others?

Or should the Commission leave the issue to the public? As John Kennedy said when he was questioned about the language used by Harry Truman: "I think that is a matter best left in the care of Mrs. Truman".